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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (USDOE) FOR FUNDING THE THREE T'S: TECHNOLOGY, TRAINING, AND TEACHING PROJECT AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH COGNITIVE CONCEPTS, INC.

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The United States Department of Education (USDOE) has allocated a grant award, in the amount of \$248,000, to fund The Three T's: Technology, Training and Teaching Project for implementation of the Earobics Literacy Launch reading program. In accordance with the proposal submitted to the USDOE, a contract will be entered into with Cognitive Concepts, Inc., to provide professional development services and instructional materials related to this program. The Earobics Literacy Launch, favorably reviewed by the Florida Center for Reading Research, is an identified intervention in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, K-12 Comprehensive Research-Based Reading Plan, and the districtwide literacy plan.

The purpose of The Three T's project is to integrate the Earobics Literacy Launch reading program into the curriculum to improve reading achievement in students with identified reading deficiencies. This program provides students with explicit and systematic instruction in the five components of literacy instruction so that they may be better equipped to meet challenging reading achievement standards.

The resources provided by the grant include program licenses, instructional materials and professional development for 59 K-3 classrooms at Dr. Edward L. Whigham and Eneida M. Hartner elementary schools. These schools were selected due to the level of need indicated by the percentage of students scoring Levels 1 and 2 in Reading on the FCAT. In addition, these schools are not participating in the Reading First grant program funded by the Florida Department of Education. Teachers will receive professional development related to program implementation, tailoring the program to target specific identified student reading deficiencies, and correlating program goals to classroom instruction.

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Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the USDOE, in the amount of \$248,000, to fund The Three T's: Technology, Training and Teaching Project for the grant period of September 20, 2005, through July 19, 2006, and to enter into a contractual agreement, in the approximate amount of \$237,798, with Cognitive Concepts, Inc. for the period of November 17, 2005, through July 19, 2006, to implement the Earobics Literacy Launch reading program.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Funds, in the amount of \$237,798, will be used to purchase program licensing, and provide professional development including scheduled technical support. Indirect cost is \$10,202, for a total allocation of \$248,000.

Official notification of this grant award was received on September 14, 2005. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 20, 2005. The project will be managed by the Division of Language Arts/Reading.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) for funding The Three T's: Technology, Training and Teaching Project, in the amount of \$248,000, for the grant period of September 20, 2005, through July 19, 2006;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with Cognitive Concepts, Inc., in the approximate amount of \$237,798, for the period of November 17, 2005, through July 19, 2006;
3. extend this program and contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
4. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC:mgl

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes
 No
 Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: The Three T's -- Technology, Training, and Teaching
 Grant Period Beginning September 20, 2005 Ending July 19, 2006
 (Date) (Date)

FUNCTION	Total Budget	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES								
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development				237,798.00				
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration								
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services								
Transportation Services								
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services								
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	248,000.00			237,798.00				10,202.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 10,202

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-91 Board Meeting of November 16, 2005
 (Number) (Date)